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Sent: Friday, November 23, 2007 9:22 AM

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Subject: great letter to the editor from Phil Schneider

Increased oil profits tax benefits Alaskans, won't drive out drillers

I feel compelled to laud Gov. Sarah Palin and our legislators. Despite what some want us to believe, the oil companies are not going anywhere. It will take much more than a 25 percent profits tax and a couple of extra concessions to scare companies from our state. Their ads are right. We have a long-standing relationship with the oil industry. What happened as a result of the special session won't jeopardize that.

Oil company officials have had to grovel with President Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. Many have worked with corrupt and unstable governments in Africa. Corporations continue to build massive infrastructure, elaborate security systems and miles of transportation grid in remote places. Many of these places are harder to reach than the North Slope. None offer the hardest-working and most innovative work force in the world.

There are safer places for oil companies to do business. In Norway oil firms pay a corporate tax of 28 percent and a special tax of 50 percent on oil profits.

Whether or not a few not-so-bright legislators sold their votes for pennies on the dollar last year, a new oil tax structure and a better deal for Alaskans makes sense today. We owe the governor and the Legislature big thanks. They had the foresight and courage to make history.

-- Phil Schneider

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Sent: Friday, November 23, 2007 9:49 PM

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Cc: ExternalEmailgsp; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Remarks for AEA Railbelt Conf

Governor:

I've attached a copy of the final draft of your remarks for Monday's (Nov. 26) AEA Railbelt Conference at 8:30 a.m.
If you have any trouble opening the document, I can resend it.

Please let me know if you'd like me to make any changes.

I've also attached an agenda.

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Alaska Railbelt Electrical Grid Authority
Technical Conference

8:30 a.m. November 26, 2007
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel – Howard Rock Ballroom – 2nd floor

You will be introduced by Brad Janorschke, Homer Electric Association General Manager

About 140 participants

- Utility board members – the new Golden Valley Electric Association CEO will be there and introduced
- Utility technical staff (all Railbelt General Managers on the program, either presenting or moderators)
- Representatives from the environmental/renewable energy community
- Cook Inlet production managers and staff (Chevron, Marathon Conoco-Phillips invited)
- Agrium representatives
- IBEW representatives
- MEA rate payer alliance people
- Financial consultants
- Native Corporation representatives
- ISER representative
- UAF energy researcher
- Members of the public
- Names in red below are VIPs if you'd like to recognize them

Thanks & Acknowledgements

- Master of Ceremonies – **Brad Janorschke (juh nor ski)**, Homer Electric Association General Manager
- **Emil Notti**, Commissioner of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
- **Larry Hartig,** Commissioner of Environmental Conservation
- **Ron Miller**, Exec director of Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) and Alaska Energy Authority
- **Tony Price**, Chairman of Regulatory Commission of Alaska
- **John Norman**, Chair Oil and Gas Commission
- **Senator Fred Dyson**
- **Senator Lesil McGuire**

Good morning.

I'm so pleased to join you as you begin the process of mapping out the best route for the Railbelt Grid for the next 20-30 years.

Thanks to Rep. **Norm Rokeberg** for securing the appropriation to fund the Railbelt Electrical Grid Authority (REGA) study.

(pause)

My administration has set forth the basic building blocks for a comprehensive Alaska energy policy.

Our policy has one goal – affordable, reliable energy for all of Alaska **now – and** in the future.

To achieve this goal we must focus on:

- Conservation and energy efficiency
- New fuel sources
- Sustainable energy projects
- Comprehensive planning

Conservation and energy efficiency are "low-hanging fruit." Every Alaskan organization, business and household should have a program of examining its energy consumption and looking for ways to reduce monthly bills.

Savings of 10 to 30 percent can be realized through simple measures such as lighting retrofits, energy efficient appliances and weatherization.

The state can lend a hand through programs such as AHFC's weatherization program and

AEA's energy cost reduction program.

Through the energy cost reduction program we are helping the Anchorage School District reduce its utility bills by $4.6 million over the next 15 years through lighting retrofits, better HVAC controls and other efficiency measures.

(pause – **New Fuel Sources**)

Rate-payers throughout Alaska are suffering from high energy costs due to increases in crude oil prices and higher prices for declining natural gas stocks.

Some Alaskans have reacted by calling for massive state subsidies for renewable or alternative fuel projects. However, those projects must be economically practical.

We must determine the availability of renewable and alternative fuels to the load centers. That is why my Administration is assembling a state-wide inventory of energy sources.

The Alaska Energy Inventory Project is a joint effort by the Department of Natural Resources and AEA to inventory and compile all available data on Alaskan energy resources suitable for electrical power generation and space-heating.

The data will be accessible to the public through a web-based, interactive map. This inventory is building on work initiated by AEA and the Renewable Alaska Energy Project (REAP) in producing the Alaska Renewable Energy Atlas.

(pause)

28 States and the District of Columbia have established Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (mandatory) or Goals (voluntary). The most ambitious of these programs are aiming for 25% renewable energy by 2025.

Thanks to our abundant hydropower, Alaska is already producing more than 24 percent of its electricity from renewable sources.

Increasing the use of renewable energy is in the long-term best interest of the state. We will work on a renewable energy goal as part of our strategic energy plan.

(pause – **Sustainable Energy Projects**)

Government funding of power projects in Alaska should only be used to complement – not displace – private capital. If state funds are used to support an energy project, priority should be given to sustainable projects.

Sustainable projects are those that, at a minimum, generate revenues sufficient to pay the costs of management, operation, maintenance, renewal and replacement.

These costs may be lowered through comprehensive planning, in some instances regionalization of management structures, and the use of alternatives with costly diesel-generation used all too frequently across Alaska.

(pause – **Comprehensive planning**)

Comprehensive planning will help guide the efficient use of financial resources. Our overall

goal of affordable, reliable energy applies to all areas of the state.

However, due to distinct challenges we will be working on developing a plan that established goals for each geographic region that includes southeast, rural and the railbelt.

In the Railbelt, we could achieve economies and efficiencies of scale if all six utilities worked together on how we will replace aging generation, find new fuel sources, accommodate a growing population base and produce electricity at a price rate-payers can afford. That is why I am encouraged to see so many interested stakeholders here today!

Our energy future could require investments beyond the reach of any one Railbelt utility. This underscores the need for cooperation. I challenge all of you to work together to achieve our goal of establishing the secure, sustainable energy future we all need.

The economic well-being of the state is dependent on affordable, reliable energy. An inadequate supply or over-priced energy can be a deterrent to private investment resulting in lost expanded business opportunities and jobs.

Think about our opportunity here – to put Alaska on a stronger economic footing for future generations. I wish you the best in this conference and the REGA study and I stand ready to assist you in your efforts.

Thank you.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2007 10:35 AM
To: 'gregoryjhall@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 5:05 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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MESSAGE:

If such a large number of homeless in Alaska are veterans, why is it that there is only one person in all of Military & Veterans Affairs whose job is Vetrans Affairs? Jerry Beale is a compentent administrator, but what message do we really give to our vets with this kind of staffing? And then the greater question is why are so many of our vets homeless?

Sincerely,

Greg Hall

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